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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: A Bumper Beam For A Vehicle : Group Art Unit: 3612
And A Method Of Adapting A :
Bumper Beam To Various : Notice of Allowance -
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance, attached to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed on October 13, 2004, quotes from independent Claim 1 and concludes that the quoted features "in the independent claim, in combination with the other recited limitations supported by this application, ..." are not found in the prior art of record.

Applicant respectfully notes that the allowed claims include

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three (3) independent claims - Claims 1 and 8 are directed to bumper beams, while Claim 5 is directed to a method of controlling the elevation of a bumper beam above the ground. Applicant respectfully submits that the features recited in each of independent Claims 1 and 8 (and the features of these independent claims in combination with the features recited in their respective dependent claims), and the steps recited in independent method Claim 5 (and the steps of independent Claim 5 in combination with the steps of the dependent method claims), are not taught, anticipated, suggested or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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